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(54) **Method of preparation of powder semifinished mixes for ice-creams and frozen desserts or mousses and products obtained thereby**

(57) In order to simplify and speed-up the production, and prevent balancing errors in manufacturing ice-creams, Italian soft ice-creams ("semifreddo"), mousses and desserts, the present invention provides a fatted semifinished mix in powder form containing those ingredients which are traditionally and legitimately used in ice-creams, Italian soft ice-creams, mousses and desserts.

The constant-during-time meal-like consistency of the fatted semifinished mix, even containing high fat levels, was obtained by performing combined operations of heating, blending, homogenizing, atomizing, spraying and cooling the fat ingredients on the powder fractions during some of the steps of preparation of the semifin-

ished mix.

Said semifinished mixes, with the only addition of water, are perfectly suitable for producing ice-creams and syrups for ice-creams, Italian soft ice-creams and mousses with perfectly balanced values of reference parameters, i.e.:

- (A) total solids,
- (B) sugars,
- (C) fats,
- (D) non-fat milk solids,
- (E) other solids.

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